

REMARKS

New Claim 14 is the same as Claim 14 that was rejected in the parent case. New Claim 15 includes all of the limitations of Claim 14 and adds conductive leads and protective material covering at least a portion of the conductive leads.

New Claims 16-18 depend from Claim 15 and include all of the limitations of Claims 15-17 that were allowed in the parent case.

Claim 14 was rejected in the parent case as being obvious over Kovac (6,525,429). Claim 14 requires a protective material fully curable by exposure to ultraviolet light and shrinking 10% or less by volume upon curing. Kovac suggests one or the other of these features, but not both. Kovac teaches "pads ... cured or partially cured by heating or exposing them to ultra violet light or a combination thereof...." Kovac, column 5, lines 31-35. However, the Dow 577 elastomer that Kovac says shrinks about 5% is heat cured, not light cured. Kovac, column 5, lines 35-38. There is nothing in Kovac that suggests he discovered or even contemplated a protective material that is fully UV light curable and shrinks 10% or less, as required in Claim 14. Claim 14, therefore, is felt to distinguish patentably over Kovac.

Respectfully submitted,



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